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ILGWU WAAACs Get Heartly Welcome

Lieutenant Colonel M. Lane and Mary Foster congratulate Alice Goodstein of Local 32 and Sylvia Faiberg of Local 91 on their Induction Into the WAAACs. The ILGWU recruits are members of the Women's Service Brigade.

13 BELOW ZERO DOES NOT DAUNT TABIN & PICKER PICKET SQUADS

As the injunction granted by Judge Miner of the Cook County Circuit Court, Chicago, prohibiting picketing, there is considerable speculation in Chicago labor circles as to why the Tabin & Picker Company, the firm where 150 workers have been on strike for three months, will not permit legal talent, Abraham Pickin. TLCNYU lawyers, to continue service of the strike, writes "Justice."

One thing is certain, Pickin said, this injunction, which is to guard the Tabin & Picker firm from the union as the day or even at any time declaring strikes. In the market, the injunction, he said, is basically important in the big plant, one of the largest garment plants in the country, and output is being wagin.

Below Zero

"Employees will never understand," Pickin contended, "the legality and devotion that strikers put into picking until they see them in the blue. The 13 below zero, it would have been easy for one stubborn strike to overmeet mornings during this frigid period. . . . but the matter was settled by the cry of duty in their bones and they are laying the world know that, or on cold, they are determined to win this strike.

"Warm or cold, Mr. Picker, on

Feigie Leivin Heads Women's Brigade

Feigie Levine, ILGWU general organizer who for several years has been in charge of the Local 38 Organization Department, has, in addition to her regular duties, assumed leadership of the union's Women's Service Brigade in New York City.

Sister Levine is taking the place of Miss Adel Ramozy who resigned recently. The Women's Brigade has attracted wide attention for its upbringing of home front activities. Particularly first-aid, Red Cross driver work, and training for home defense.

GAIN 10% RAISE FOR 2,400 IN "91"; ASK WLB APPROVAL

A 100 per cent wage raise for all piece workers and a $2 week increase for time workers were included in the new contract between Local 91 and the Cotton Apparel & Dye Products Association employing about 2,400 members of the local.

The agreement was reached January 22 and signed by the parties. The agreement set the stage for a successful conclusion of the union and the association joining the agreement.

The agreement runs for two years.

All other terms remain as in the old agreement, Vice President Harry Gorenberg stated.

ILGWU RELIEF FUND CAMPAIGN SET IN MOTION

The drive set in motion last week to get the entire union behind the ILGWU 1943 War Relief Fund, after President Dubinsky forewarded a strongly-worded appeal in its behalf to all affiliates, is proceeding full steam ahead in accordance to services reaching the General Office.

The New York cloak organization, at a meeting of shop chairmen on Wednesday, Assistant Director L. D. Tannen, was addressed by President Dubinsky, enthusiastically endorsed the Relief Fund drive and urged an industry-wide machinery to be set up for its realization. The clockmakers set Saturday, February 9th, as the day on which they will work for the Fund.

Leaders 13 and 82S, as reported elsewhere in this issue, earlier in the week voted to concur in the decision of the UDB relating to the Relief Fund and set in motion activity to carry out the plan. Advisers from Montreal, Chicago, the Middle West and the Pac. West ILGWU members indicate similar enthusiasm and readiness to go ahead with the work without delay.

Toronto Cutters Show Skill for Red Cross

An extra 50 garments were cut from cloth by the Toronto, Can., cutters after the Red Cross estimated it would produce only 1,500 garments. The coats completed by the union, without charge, will be shipped to war victims abroad. Mrs. B. Goleman, vice chairman of the Women's War Work Committee of the Toronto Red Cross, thanked the union for its fine contribution, commenting particularly on the "excellent workmanship."

"... And Our Flag Was Still There!"

War Labor Board intervention, welcomed by President David Dubinsky, brought a sharp climax to a stoppage rapidly spreading among the 85,000 dressmakers in the New York market. The stoppage stemmed directly from the obstructionist and antico- employer associations to consider arbitration of the union's demand for an "equalization wage" to meet in some measure the skyrocketing cost of living.

The WLB acted with record-breaking speed. Conferences between the union and the employer association broke off Monday, January 25. The following day some 15,000 workers were idle at their machines, cutting tables and pressboards. The next day the number had jumped to 30,000 and all signs indicated that Friday would find the entire industry tied up. Last Wednesday the WLB intervened in the dispute and its request for union cooperation was greeted with the following telegram, January 28, from President David Dubinsky:

MR. ROBERT ARBLOW, NATIONAL WAR LABOR BOARD, WASHINGTON, D.C. Wish to ad-dress on January 28 and 29 separately taken the position that if Labor Board intervention over dispute in New York dress market, the dressmakers would return to work. I am glad to advise you that upon receipt of your telegram we have advised our workers to discontinue their stoppage and return to work. The board is now considering the matter and will act as soon as possible. DAVID DUBINSKY, President, Inter-

national Ladies' Garment Worker's Union.

Negotiations under way since September 23 broke off at a final conference January 23 at the Hotel Continental. (Continued on Page 8)

Baltimore Coat Assn. Joins NR

Members of the Baltimore Coat & Suit Association have become affiliated with the National Coat & Suit Industry Recovery Board. Nathan Hamburger, attorney, will be the company representative in that city. P. Nathan Wolf, executive secretary of the NRBA, completed the arrangements last month.

With the Baltimore Association now a part of the Recovery Board, the latter embraces all the coast and mid-markets in the nation.

Mariners, Airmen Guests of Honor at ILGWU Canteen

Members of the U.S. Maritime Service and the U.S. Army Air Forces were special guests at the Labor Stage Canteen on January 14, where they, in the words of businessmen and entertainers continued to maintain the high standard of service set on previous occasions.

On January 14, Local 32, Corset and Bra-makers Workmen's Union, played host to the men in uniform. Manager Abraham Snyder and a committee of the local presented the participants in the festivities. The service was interspersed with music and entertainment was provided by the Entertainers for a six-piece.

(Continued on Page 13)
The Health Insurance Fund Committee issued an announcement last week that sick benefit payments will be made beginning February 1, 1945. Vice President Samuel Otto writes: "The new organization is taking the first steps to make Health Insurance Fund a reality."

All members of the Philadelphia Water Works, who have paid into the fund, will be eligible to receive these sick benefit payments. Details concerning the new benefits will be explained in the membership within the next few days.

Post-War Program
The generous spirit and the maintenance of health should be the first consideration of our post-war program. It is with this thought in mind that the Health Insurance Fund Committee has completed its plans to make Health Insurance Fund a positive function so that members may derive full use from the contributions paid by the Industry.

With the completion of plans for the program, the executive committee is now able to turn all its attention to the development of the Health Center, which is the second phase of the post-war program. A building, conveniently located near the present headquarters, is being inspected, and the membership will be informed of the progress.

The third part of the Health Insurance Fund program is the economic and social betterment program, which includes the cooperation and the loyalty of the entire membership. The changes that the Health Insurance Fund has to offer will help to make this health program an integral part of the daily life of every person and fuller life for each member.

To Work For War Chest
As a meeting of chairman and committees of all labor and shop stewards under the provisions of the Johnson-Roche Board's recommendation that the membership increase the War Chest to 100%, the War Chest was unanimously approved.

All IWWU members, together with labor organizations throughout the Philadelphia area, are encouraged by the executive board to help the War Chest reach its goal of $100,000. Steps are being taken by the membership committees to collect by means of a check-off system in every establishment.

A moving picture, depicting the plight of suffering people throughout the world, was shown by the War Chest at this meeting, impressing on the necessity of raising money for the cause.

Credit Union
The executive board reports progress made by the Credit Union and the formation of the Board of Directors.

The executive board discussed the matter of raising the capital stock of the Credit Union, as well as the educational work being done by the Credit Union.

SICK BENEfit Fund
AMONG NEW GAINS IN TORONTO CLARK PATENT

Provision for an industry-financed sick benefit fund, first in Canada's garment workers, will be made in this year, according to the terms of a new voluntary salary and pension plan recently approved by the joint industrial council of the city's garment trades. Among the other gains are a wage hike of $2.50 a week, increased relief from mail carriers, and an increased rate of unemployment benefits.

The benefic fund is to be established by a $5 contribution for each person employed by the Canadian Garment Workers' Union, with the exception of those in the downtown area of Toronto, where a $10 contribution will be made.

The fund will be operated by the Canadian Garment Workers' Union and the Canadian Garment Workers' Relief Fund, with the secretary-treasurer of the relief fund as chairman and secretary-treasurer of the American Federation of Labor as co-chairman. The fund will be invested in stocks and bonds, with at least 50% of the funds to be invested in Canadian securities.

Big Philly Stores
Wage Increases Go Back to August 15

Louis Bolkin, manager of the John Wanamaker Co., Philadelphia, writes to the union: "The wage increases and your Board has approved increases for more than 300 of our members in Ladies' Tailors, Alter and Milliners." The wages, he said, were based on those of the garment workers in the Drexelmen's Local 78. These workmen, he said, had been given the same increases in their agreement with the mills.

Mr. Bolkin also told the union that he had arranged for an increase in the minimum wage to $9.50 per week. The wage increase would be made retroactive to August 15.

A Regrettable Omission
Recently a resolution was adopted by the Technology Committee of the World's Fair to provide for a "4,000 Seat" auditorium in the Chicago area. The resolution was passed without any prior discussion or debate.

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Gold coaxers" Hear Talk

A group of gold coaxers were heard talking at the union office of the Local 94, Philadelphia. The group was made up of members of the Local 94 organization department.

The group was meeting to discuss the work of the Local 94 organization department and the need for more members to join the union.

"To Call" for Books

The finance departments of Le- moine and Brus are calling upon all shops, departments, and divisions of the union for books for the members of the Labor Day Fund for the union. The books will be used to support the union and its activities.

For "Youths," the request is to call for books that will help to recruit new members. The books will be placed on display at the union headquarters.

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Background on Beverage

BY JOHN CHAMBERLAIN

An ounce of the personal touch is still worth a long ton of institutionalism so far as public appeal is concerned. Here, in the United States, some fifty or sixty inferior committees have been set up by post-war social security. The National Resources Planning Board, the Post-War Committee of Three Inc., the Twentieth Century Fund, and the National Committee on Social Security have all been in the field. But a single initiative, Britain's Sir William Beveridge, has succeeded in dramatizing the problem for the average citizen so that no organized group could ever have done.

Sir William is a character. Tall, with meager white locks and blue eyes, he is a man who has unaccountably

SIR WILLIAM BEVERIDGE

learned how to smile. In Britain, they call him a "one-man New Deal." With his hand in virtually every important peccadillo of English life for forty years. He has been paid by millions, but his English wit and humor have made most of his non-commercial reports among the best written on any subject in the country. His latest, "Health from Shop to Ship," is a call to arms at the Ministry of Health for a public health program to save lives and cut costs. The report is an accurate portrayal of the state of health care in Britain and a call to action to improve the system.

R. E. W. Whicker

"To High Court"

Willy Bluff Robinson who has been accused of perjury and defrocked from the bench by the Tennessee Supreme Court by Presid- ent Roosevelt. During his official duties he served on the boards of arbitration for the St. Louis garment market.

TRESCA'S LAST PUBLIC SPEECH

"When I see young people who carry on the struggle against Fascism and Socialism, then I am glad. For I know that my life work has not been in vain. The seeds we have sown bear fruit."" No one at the gathering of friends and associates on that Tuesday afternoon, September 9, 1945, suspected that these were the last public appearances of Carlo Tresca. He had been exiled from fascist Italy in 1925 and was now living in New York. He was a member of the Italian Communist Party and a leading figure in the fight against fascists and Fascism.

Amtrak in the forefront of or- ganizational workers on the job. A number of workers have been killed in the anti-fascist struggle. They responded in this appeal as they have in the past, with a determination to use the machinery of the law to protect themselves and their comrades.

And then Manager Nelson, in be- half of the workers, presented a check for $900 to Carlo Tresca. The check was presented to the committee of workers for the purpose of the "The Italian Resistance Movement."

Words won't win the war- but money in louder than words? Buy U. S. war bonds and stamps!

President Dubinsky at Tresca Memorial

"GOOD HOOST PROGRESS"

Local 38 Organization Department meetings I suddenly got a new picture at the meeting of the "Good Host" special branch, January 22.

This organization, which was in- troduced by Brigitte Levine, general secretary of the national branch in the frame of the Bendorf Good Host branch, has become a popular one among the workers. The increase, reflective of December 1, ran from 81 to 85 with a total membership of 150.

"COLD MOUTH" speech by brigitte levine and generated some comment from the Publicity Committee, but at no time was any criticism leveled at the organization itself.

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The speech, being given in local 38 shops, is a special set-up, by which the workers have been developed into a vanguard democracy which is now being utilized by the leadership in its members. Regular meetings of shop chairmen, committees, and the membership meet, allowing into an educational period the meeting of the branch.

The health of the branch can be seen in the market internal displayed by its members in all union meetings and in the respect for the union activities. Local 38 Organizational Department is represented by its leadership, with a large number of its members as delegates at various meetings.

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Three thousand friends of labor attended the memorial meet- ing for assassinated Carlo Tresca at Madison Square Garden, New York, January 19. The meeting was called by the American Labor Congress in the forefront of organizations which stood on Fascism many years ago.

And Carlo Tresca made his last call to the workers to be among the antifascist workers and friends.

"Good Luck, Phil"

Philip Abraham, member of Local 132, Button and novelty workers, reports that army agrees with his request for a temporary dishoom to take action.

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Local 148 Has the Know-How

Here are some active members of Local 148 representing different undertakings, who have a long and seasoned experience in the cloak and suit industry. They come from Jersey City, Union City and Bayonne, N.J.

TWO EOT SHOPS GET WAR LABOR BOARD OKAY FOR WAGE RAISE

In the past two weeks, regional offices of the War Labor Board have twice given approval to wage increases negotiated by the Eastern Out-of-Town Department.

The request for an increase in wages for 65 workers employed in the Linen Bendel shop in Jersey City, won approval from the WLB on January 10.

A previous request for a general increase for the workers of this firm, filed October 30 in agreement on a flat increase of 80 per week. The union and employer then applied for approval of the War Labor Board.

In order to continue the Board's investigation, an increase was authorized, which was reviewed at the time local situation was necessary. This view was ascertained by Dr. Leahey, director of the ILEW's regional director, and his efforts contributed much to the WLB's approval of the application.

The other shop where an increase was approved is the Young's Textile, located in Hartstown, Conn. In this case, the question did not concern the decrease for all the workers but an equalization in wages for 16 employees, by raising the flat rate of the 80 per week, which increased this rate by which 8 per week.

Elizabeth Local Gives $1,600 to Community Chest

Fund raising for war and local relief is still going strong in the Eastern Out-of-Town localities. This is true of Local 148, Elizabeth, whose members have contributed $1,630.17 to the Local Community Chest.

Cliff C. Couville, the chairman of the local committee, in accepting the contribution at a local meeting, praised the ILGWU and its members for their generosity in answering every call for the needy in these difficult times. Peter Deazel, manager of the local, is a member of the local Chest committee.

3 Pacts Renewed, 4 Shops Organized

The following agreements have been renewed: L. Broduck & Son, New Brunswick, and Greenough's Garment Company of Asbury Park, by the Eastern Out-of-Town Department.

The three recently organized are: Snap Shop, in West New York, N.J.; The Littell Brothers, in Secaucus, N.J.; and Joe W. Smith, in New Brunswick.

A Sister WAAC's Xmas

The following letter was re- ceived by Mrs. Alice Rice of 1103 East 32nd Street, Long Island City, N.Y., a member of the Local 148 Women's Auxiliary, from a sister WAAC at Camp Devens, who now resides in New York City.

I had to work on Christmas day. We were on the watch in the garage and when our package came changed the whole day. The considerations and what are the things I can always say. Thank you again, I remain.

Elizabeth Local 221 Aids War Fund Drive

Cliff J. Coville, chairman of the United War Fund, received a check for $1,623.77 from Local 221.
CONVERSION TO WAR WORK IS NO RELEASE FROM PACT DUTY

A case of extraordinary importance, since it involved the whole problem of union control of war work, was won last week before the Imperial Chairman’s tribunal by the New York Dress Joint Board, according to reports to the New York Dress Joint Board’s general manager of the Joint Board. The decision rendered by Mr. Harry Mriller, Imperial chairman, upheld the contention of the union that it was the right of the union to convert all its members who convert all or part of their facilities to war work, or who take in war work in addition to the manufacture of peace goods, to be bound by the collective agreement.

The Mirko Dress Corp., a member of the United Dress Manufacturers’ Association, partitioned part of its premises and began to manufacture some forms as raw materials for its regular work. When the union’s business agent attempted to exercise control over this unit, he was told by the contractor, first, that this was work done for the government and did not come under the collective agreement and, secondly, that this was a separate firm owned and operated in connection with the various affiliate unions of the parties of the Mirko Dress Corp.

An investigation instituted by the Joint Board of inquiry revealed the fact that there was no connection between Mirko Dress and the Mirko Dress Corp., the latter being a branch of Dress Studio’s and Navy Co., as this new enterprise was called. The Joint Board minimized the importance of the facts and records and released this unit that this unit must be held in violation of its collective agreement as a subsidiary of Mirko Dress Corp. The Joint Board ruled that these were collective agreements and that, in view of the fact that the two units were in business at the same time, there was no violation of the collective agreements in connection with the union switching to the work or adding work to its production whatever the type, since each of these units was a constituent unit of a union shop under the collective agreement.

Yandel Given War Bond
By Will Steinmann People

The workers of the Will Steinmann, Inc., in New York City, through their delegate, Andrew Greenfield, presented to Brother Yandel at a meeting of appreciation of his service to the shop for the past year and in his capacity as business agent.

A party in honor of Brother Yandel and his wife was held at the shop on March 20th, in connection with the various aid relief funds.
Guiding "89" Service Brigadiers

Newly elected officers of the local 89 section of the Women's Service Brigade (left to right): Captain Annette Emilio, Lieutenant Sylvia Arteaga, Betty Le Marca.

Employer Refusal to Arbitrate Blasted for Industry Tie-Up

Communist workers have dependent... 22% of our membership are working for industries that are owned by corporations that... 

Chairman Mushel

Guts Watch

The workers of the LEPS 21 company, 164 West 27th Street, are now organizing and meeting... a week at this going in appreciation of his loyal and devoted service.

High Spots From Maryland-Va. Dist.

MARKET MANAGER Anthony Landicho and Jacob J. Richstein, Baltimore City Councilman and attorney for the workers last week to negotiate an agreement... the Coln. Chem. Corporation following the victory by the... in an election requested by the company.

The 150 workers who now become the first large industry... the barkings into which chemical... a four-week, with news, is the "Two-Year... an agreement calling for a 10% pace increase in wages and the... of membership has been signed... the AFL-CIO... in carries was carried... the elections held in Dayton, Va.

SAY-H'HE'S GOT AN INTUITION!

UNION OFFICE MOVES

The East New York... Brownsville district of the... Brownsville Building located at 877 Pekin Ave, corner of Stone Avenue.

Brownsville Labor Lyceum which has housed several of our unions, was closed down on January 30, last.
CLOAK LOCALS ACT SWIFTLY ON ILGWU WAR RELIEF FUND

Preparations for a special "War Relief Work-Day" moved rapidly last week as General Manager Israel Rubenfeld, acting on the recommendation of the Joint Board, called a cohefence of the cloak local managers to expedite the contribution of the cloakmakers to the ILGWU War Relief Fund.

The New York cloakmakers' chapter of this fund should reach $300,000. Morris J. Abinun, Joint Board treasurer, estimated the cloakmakers' contributions at $200,000.

Addressing the local managers on this question, Brother Peterberg emphasized the urgency of the cause. "It is a matter of the first order of business for the immediate future," he said.

In past years, the Cloak Joint Board has led the list of contributors in payments to general ILGWU funds. A half-day's pay donated by the cloakmakers to ILGWU War Victims Fund in 1944 yielded $85,800, the greatest single amount from any area.

"We offer quarter million dollars that we shall raise in the cloak shop make up so much needed money for the poor souls throughout the world over. It will go, in part, to the American Red Cross, in part to the Jewish War Veterans, in part to the ILGWU, in Britain, Russia, China, Poland, for work in Greece and the Low Countries, and for under- ground activities in other nations," Brother Peterberg explained.

The cloakmakers' meeting gave quick assurance of its readiness to cooperate with the Joint Board. According to Peterberg, Louis Hyman, Edward Milam, Isadore Nagler and Louis Heineman represented the cloakmakers by their local's at first meetings of the Joint Board of Councils. There was little doubt that uniform agreement would be reached.

Brother Peterberg expressed his appreciation for the understanding of the cloakmakers in responding to the worthy cause. "Our membership has never shown such ready readiness to lend a helping hand," he stated.

Skirtmaker "Boys" Express Gratitude

Leaders of appreciation keep coming into the Local 21 office from members in the armed forces who have received gifts from the skirtmakers' union. The union, which sends gifts to its members from time to time has made up a list of all who are in the services.

Louis Siegel, manager of the union, receiving the messages stated that they were the best possible reason for sending gifts. "In many ways they show such true appreciation that it is the best encouragement for continuing this fund," he said.

"Many thanks for the beautiful Christmas card and the package. It is really very nice to know that someone is thinking of you. I must write you a letter," writes Pvt. Aaron Paul, who is well known in the union for the many times he has entertained at union affairs.

The main reason for this letter is to thank you for the package. A Christmas card, sent. states Pvt. Leo Freedman. In addition to thanking the union for the gift, Pvt. M. M. Nafziger informed them that he is a member of the Quartermaster Service, he is repairing clothing and textile equipment—including the sewing machines—here in the service.

"My heartfelt appreciation for your package which came in this letter. It was a very good letter, and I have returned the letter to the folks back home as well.

In the Artillery

Abe Plattman, member of Local 17, has left the searing machine for the guns of the field artillery.

Finishers Raise Money For Russian War Relief

Louis Hyman, manager of Cloak Local 9, presented a check of $4,000 to Russian War Relief as a regular meeting of the Joint Board on January 13. He stated: "This check is but a token recognition of the bravery and heroism of the Russian soldiers. We have aided Britain, Russia, China, and many others in the past and the Russians will continue to do so.

"In a discussion of trade conditions, Brother Hyman summed up the past season as a good one for the Local 9 members.

HOME FOR ENGLISH TOTS & AGS FOR RED ARMY VOTED BY 117 "YES" FOR 2000

The war work of Local 117, cloak operators' union was intensified this month with the decision of the Executive Board to provide maintenance for 100 British children evacuated from London, England to the United States.

"The hearts of our membership go out to the children whose homes have been placed in jeopardy because of the war," stated Benj. L. Kippen, manager. "For the present we are undertaking their support for a period of one year. We hope to do as much or more in the future.

The local also decided to send 100,000 cigarettes to three divisions of the Russian Army. Cigarette cartons will be shipped shortly.

When asked if there was not an appeal to the entire membership to cooperate in the drive of Local 117, Mr. Kippen said, "We are giving it all we have." And he added the unions are closely in touch with the Joint Board in the ILGWU War Relief Fund.

Benjamin Moser, chairman of the local's educational committee, said it was expected that the campaign would be largely handled by the Cloak Joint Board. Brother Peterberg will speak on "The Cloak Joint Board's work on the War," Sunday, February 7, at noon, at 662 East Tremont Avenue, Bronx.

PRESSERS READY TO GIVE DAY TO ILGWU AID FUND

Local 35 was the first cloak local to act on the work-day for the ILGWU War Relief at a regular membership meeting held on January 14.

In presenting to the membership the plan of the Joint Board, local President Benjamin Brook expressed confidence that the meeting would be a big one. "We expect to have a few thousand dollars at the end of the day," he said.

Presser Franklin J. Reiner, president of the pressers' local, opened the meeting with a talk on the problem of the war, and the relief work that is being done.

"Victory or Peace?" Stirs "35's" Audience

The retention of liberty and -opportunity under democracy and the elimination of Hitlerism are the primary objectives of the war," Vice President Joseph Brook said in an address opening the Local 35 open forum lecture series, January 15.

"Speaking to his audience, "Do We Want Victory or Peace?" Reiner expressed the view that destruction of Hitleman was the first, second, and third on our agenda.

Brook emphasized that certain fundamentals such as those involved in the Atlantic Charter, would be a part of the peace. Victory will not be lost to heroism in defense of the world, he assured the audience after a survey of the events leading up to the formation of the United Nations.

Scheduled to speak at the pressing open forum of Saturday, Janu-
ary 23, is Manager Israel Rubenfeld, the subject, "Prospects for the Cloak Industry After the War."

Some 4,000 cloak pressers attended the matter-choosing of the music, "Oh By Day A Leaden" with Mollie Piron, Saturday, January 10.

Another $1,000 for Russian Relief

Gits of a half-dozen billiard tables to the USO recreation centers in several camps made by the Cloak and Drees Drivers' Union, were recently acknowledged by USO authorities in the most grateful and handy thing anyone could ask for.

The local recently collected $2,000 among the membership for the donation. Brother Meta explained, which was promptly devoted to the purchase of the billiard tables and the sending of more than 500 packages to members in the services.

The union has felt the effects of the war keenly, since more than 900 of its members have been drafted into the service.

Among the letters received by Local 33 was a message from Stanley Pinko, Director of the USO, Norman, Oklahoma, who wrote that a plaque dedicated to Local 33 has been installed in the club. The gift was made by the local to the USO through the Labor League for Human Rights.

Manager Louis Hyman, Local 9, finisher, turns over a $1,000 check to Mrs. John S. Kolsen of Russian War Relief, January 20, at Webster Hall.

SIX BILLIARD TABLES GIVEN BY LOCAL 102 TO USO CLUB HOUSES

As a contribution to the USO, Local 102 of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, donated six billiard tables to the USO club houses.

To the officers of the local, "It was truly a pleasure to cooperate with the National USO Organization. With the 400 members now receiving gifts from this fund, he explained that the local is donating to the Red Cross, two tables of members everywhere. "Our boys are going into the service and we are now and we are doing our best to keep them in mind," he said.

In his report Breelsch also added that members as to his personal relief of the Red Cross. Those of members everywhere.

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WASHINGTON — Reactionary inciters are praying for bigger and better wildcard strikes. A few more strikes like the anthracite coal development, and the labor-baiters will have their ammunition bags filled. The "interests" would not be at all disturbed and could have a general layup on a major industry. 

WASHINGTON. — The Federal Government is the coal industry, whose labor contracts expire in late next year. John J. Lewis has pledged to his UMWA membership that he will seek a general run-up at the very first chance. If a knock-down-and-drag-out fight develops, Lewis' words are sure to come on strike. That would be excel-

Despite all the brickbats and dead cats thrown at the Administration for barging in the price situation, the most important economies are being made by the very men who are the harshest critics of the Administration. The brickbats and dead cats have been a effective as anything else that has been done. One of the fundamental principles of public administration is the principle of concentration of fire. 

NEEDLES & PINS

by Yomen

"Guess I ain't got a chance since she became the sweetheart of the Fifth Battalion!"

At the MOVIES

by ALLEN SAUNDERS

"Chinatown" (at the Roxy, New York), is described by the critic as "a slow-burner with a 20th Century-Fox Pismo as 'the third wave' masterpiece of 1948." We agree wholeheartedly. The plot is no denying that there are plenty more of them than the "Hollywood-nuance" movies. The hero, a gentleman named George Montgomery, performs a "nabbing" feat that would put to shame a Superman—and does it all to his own ends. It is not of this over-long and over-burdened thriller. The idea is that you cannot translate a war for the world's security into the gal-

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Obviously, Marion Harradge's intention in writing "See Here, Private Harradge" were strictly hilarious. Anyone who has served in the Army can laugh, even if he was not without laughing out loud is meant for Hitler. They are aglow

with what we like to call native American humor resting on the firm foundation of the mushroom and the white.

But what is more important, therefore, to draw serious implications from the pictures is concerned with our armed forces. They contain no discussion of the relative merits of the battleship and the airplane or the tactics involved in the two. Yet to find these implications is to add one more example of the power of art.

For Harradge, the perennial private of a long line of well-loved American soldiers whose glory shines back past Quiet and Flag of "Have Your Cake" to Daniel Moore and the numerous ones who whether in creating a centn;

in or freeing a world, never lost their faith quality or their sense of humor.

It is that sense of humor that the Americans always would agree with a hodge of honor. Not for him the later sound of the Prisoner of War or the shining idol of the Jeep preparing for its last. In knowing what they are fighting for, the Harradges are neither automa;

tic nor logical. They recognize the drug store clerk or the farm hand or the poor on-the-streets who has put on a new mark of work. Clothing for a duty job has to be done.

They enter the army, bang, like Alice in Wonderland, over the head of it all. PrAACtice habits, trained to the ways of the cotton, life.

"It Takes Both — Needles and Pins!"

by Susan White

Item from The New York Times:

War Casualty: The bus company had nothing but praise for Eliza H. Hedges, 21, who was hired as the city's first woman bus driver. But the company had to let her go on the reason: women passengers wouldn't ride with her.

(Continued)

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But then there is the oneness upon which we fight, the one we feel the right to say, "a brother!"

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JUSTICE

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Credit Unions Vote Dividends of 3-4%

As the yearly credit union stockholders' meeting a 4 per cent divi-
dend was voted for St. Louis and a 3 per cent dividend for Kansas City.

The Kansas City Credit Union elected the following officers:

Board of Directors: Clara Pool, president; Virginia Taylor, vice president; Ann Herron, treasurer; Edith Dalious, secretary.

Supervisory Committee: Louise Johnson, treasurer; Frances Hiley, secretary.

GREAT RAY HABERT AS HE ENTERS ARMY

Emotions ran high at the last meeting of the Kansas City Jewish War Memorial, president, and dad 117th Field Artillery. President, was elected to succeed Brother Haga.

Barclay, the 23rd member of the ILGWU in Kansas City at lease for camp.

Dallas Leaders

Robert Bruce, president, Local 337, and Heaungen, the local 348, who do a lot of work in the city.

Social Medicine Wins

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By MRS. PEARLFEIN, Y.P.S. Southern Medical Journal

The U. S. Supreme Court 6-4 decision handed down January 18, will favorably influence the expansion of our cooperative health service in St. Louis. This ruling came when the American Medical Association and the District of Columbia government brought suit to prevent the chiropractors from their convictions on charges of violating the Sherman Anti-Trust Law by trying to keep a chiropractic clinic in Washington, D.C.

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operative groups, formed all over the country, have been actually aided by medical forces. Physicians, afraid of competition, have stood in the way of the expansion of medi-


cal cooperatives.

The St. Louis group was founded in 1931 by 2,500 federal employees and now has about 28,000 members. They pay dues and have a co-op medical plan, with doctors and hospitals employed by the cooperative.

The health group in St. Louis is organized under the same principles.

In their effort to protect the traditional "medical fee" system which deprived large low income groups of group medical service, the medical organization threatened expulsion of doctors who employed the co-operative and did not want to be associated.

They contrived to have such doctors suspended, and when Washington had patience run out, they were convicted.

In St. Louis we were confronted with the organized opposition of the Medical Association, said another socialized physician who defied the association's attempts to "suspension by medical force.

In the united front of a house vote, a doctor outside the cooperative sphere was able to move the suspension and the filing of charges against a member of the cooperative for a home visit in only 61. The cost of operations has been reduced approx-

imately 60 per cent for an annual period in the clinic in a small artery above the wincle price. The hospitalization and the care of the sick and his family the advantages of the cooperative and the advantage of fast and the ability of the sick and the advantage of the sick and the ability of the sick.

The opposition of the organized physicians in the city was so strong that many of the cooperative members with our institution were directly and indirectly frustrated and only a few of the more independent, so-called, medically minded individual members and women of medicine who could be not to be the advantage of the cooperative to work on a plan that will benefit the people.

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Callling a halt to the migration of workers in the needle trades actively engaged in war work inGreaterBoston,representatives of labor and management have launched a stabilization program affecting 19,000 employees, announced byFred J. Oates, acting executive director of the War Manpower Commission, early next month.

Nineteen clothing manufactur~ers, representing 5 per cent of the work in the needle trades in this area, have already signed the employer-employee agreement and the remainder are expected to follow.

The agreement is intended to stabilize labor conditions in the clothing industry by preventing price of labor and unreasonable migration of workers from one concern to another. It is also expected that manufacturers will now find it easier to retain present war contracts and receive future work.

Louie Katz, as well as officers of the American Clothing Workers Union, presented the framework of the agreement to PhilipKramer, UFWC vice president.

The adjustment of a complaint charging the Cape Cod Dress Company ofPillar River,Mass., with violation ofthe Fair Labor Standards Act was announced last week byOut-\n
Baumel of Ulm, Pa., Placed on Wage Par With All Firms

The inclusion of terms that will establish a wage similar to those in other clothing shops for the workers of the Joseph Baumel Co. of Uhl, Pa., has been announced as the chief feature of the agreement between the firms and Local 29. A minimum hourly wage of $2.40 for all employees was established. The firm will pay in the union the sum of $600 which will be withheld from the workers.

Delegates to Eastern Educational Conference

Many difficult war and industry problems confront the union in the Massachusetts city and are joined out at regular meetings.

ELIJAH RIEGEL, V.P.,
Director, Cotton Garment Department

The 1943 watchword for organized labor is Hold tight. The signal to every member of every union in the United States is one of vigilance. The password for every working man and woman is: Watch out.

All right, we produced 46,000,000,000 pounds last year. Labor invested up to $1,000,000,000,000 in war bonds. We broke all records in laying the tracks, building the shops, plants, guns and tanks with which fighting Americans and their allies are making a final fight that might be the road to peace.

But the war hasn't been won yet. There are of us many more miles to travel and now you're going face many more battles that must be won before this great crusade to freedom will come to the United Nations.

The chief task of labor remains to produce, produce, and still more produce for the war, and to rebuild our country from the ruins of the war.

Nevertheless, at this moment, every member of Congress, impatient in their desire to slay labor, will be fully alert to labor's opportunities and to the problems that have resulted from the massive shifts of manpower toward the war effort. Job shifting, the practical non-acceptance, is wrapping its shroud to hold down the interest, the recessionary purpose and are abunist concepts, the constructive attitude towards the development of the country. We have to see that the business economist or the philosopher does not miss that moment and that new economic dualism, the new economic depression, does not become the new economic depression.

We have to work through the labor unions to prove to them the need for national goals. I am dedicated to the belief that the labor unions are the most effective instrument we have to achieve them.

Bethlehem ILGWU Girl Joins WAVES

Workers of the William Klein Dry Goods Co., of Bethlehem, Pa., have voted to include Nora Nussbaumer, member of Local 299, as the first woman to go to the left for Oyster Harbor, Iowa, to join the WAVES.

To keep the memory of pleasant associations alive, Gloria Sturgis presented a gift to Sister Nussbaumer.

They Want Piece Work

A change from piece work to work piece, and the matter has been written into the reciprocal agreement with the S. G. C. Manufacturing Co. ofPillar River,Mass., announced last week by President Elijah Riegel.

Preliminary negotiations were conducted by Daniel Messina, William Riegel and the union.

Switch to Week Work

Famers of the Flourtown Manor Company, Tuxton, Mass., have changed to week work. Vice Presi- dent Reidsilberg and David Shipley of the company informed the workers about the change at a conference held in the New York office of the Cotton Garment Department.

EASTERN COTTON GARMENT AREA

WAGE RAISE APPROVAL FOR 3 W. MASS. SHOPS BEFORE WB

WLB TELLS N. J. FIRM JUNE WAGE RAISE WAS OKAY

Holding that its approval was not needed in the granting of a wage increase agreed upon last June, the War Labor Board last month informed the Passaic Cotton Company ofTrenton, N.J., that its elevation of the stabilization order has been held in this particular instance.

The June order had indicated that if by October 1 it could be shown that workers' purchasing power had been increased to $1 per week, there would be a forced increase. Examination of the final books began on that date to determine whether or not the conditions set forth in the agreement had been met.

The employer freely agreed that probably the increase in wages had been more than $1 per week, for the examination of books had been completed, the wage stabilization program went into effect.

Mr. A. V. Rock, manager of Local 271, requested a ruling from the Board.

The decision of the Board was, however, held in this particular instance.

LEGAL HOLIDAY PAY Complaint Adjusted

The adjustment of a complaint charging the Cape Cod Dress Company ofPillar River, Mass., with failure to pay legal holidays was announced last week by Out- \n
EASTON, Pa., 1-DAY INSTITUTE STIRBS

"Every member of the ILGWU is prepared," said Dr. Laurence Tepner, Research Director of the ILGWU, at a one-day institute on the ILGWU's role in the postwar world. "We ascertained that the organization's goal of $250,000,000 for the next ten years in all areas of labor and social service,_met our goal.

"We are working to improve the labor situation in all areas of social service, labor, and social service, and we are working to improve the labor situation in all areas of social service, labor, and social service."
THE WEST COAST

$8,000 Arrivals Collected For Sportsman Vacations

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ILGWU Had Active Role in Broadcast To Coast Workers

The union of America is per万达 members, to industry and to the nation. As such, it is the labor organization of the ILGWU, which represents the organized labor movement in the broadcast industry.

YORK SPORTS READY FOR VICTORY DANCE; TICKETS "RATIIONED"

Such a large crowd is expected to be in attendance at the Victory Ball February 19 that tickets will be "rationed". They will be available at the Southern California Sportsman's Club, 1302 Avenue of the Stars, Los Angeles 45, under the direction of Mr. H. W. Wishnack, manager of the L. A. Jews Joint Board, who is in charge of the Pacific Coast Ethnic Reliefs. William Wisnack will have card to distribute tickets in his office.

EGGERTSON ADDS LOCAL 266 DUTIES

Luther E. Eggertson recently assumed the additional duties of local 266 business manager, following the resignation of A. L. Bias.

Brother Eggertson rejected a recent proposal of the ILGWU's executive board to make him an unpaid Volunteer, to be named by the executive board.
With the passing of the first anniversary of the Brigade, it is fitting to review its work and accomplishments. Like many other organizations, the Women's Brigade grew up in the tense times which followed World War II. Founded on December 7, 1944, the Brigade was organized to help the women of the United States. It was hoped that by actively participating in the world's affairs, they would be better prepared to face the challenges of the 1950s. The Brigade's contribution to public service has been significant and its impact has been felt in various areas of society, from education to health care.

New Union Members

Need of trade union education for nearly a million new workers was emphasized by Daniel B. Birkert, director of shipyard labor relations of the United States Maritime Workers convention on May 15 in the shipyard.

"Organized labor has been affected by the movement of workers to skilled crafts," Birkert said, and the expansion that has been taking place in the United States and the world has been brought into membership in the various labor unions is impressive. The organizers have given no serious thought to what organized labor stands for.

"The conclusion," he continued, "is inescapable that one of the prime duties that rest upon men such as you is to educate and inform the worker to a point where he understands what the organized labor movement means to him. They cannot be expected to grasp all of this without definite and specific instruction in January and March with the prime requirements which their obligations as members of a union entail.

Class BRIGADES

Social Dancing
Beginners and Intermediate Preparation
February 24, May 9, July 11, Labor Stage 11, 12, 13, Labor March 8, 9, 10 for 3 Sessions

Home Nursing
Starts Monday, February 4
Tiffin Room, 401 Fifth Ave.
Nutrition
Starts Thursday, Feb. 11
Brigade Office
First-Aid
November-February
Advanced-February/ March

All Classes Meet 6:30 P.M.
Second Brigade Graduation Wednesday, March 17

Panel Discussion Draws Large Audience

The panel discussion, January 23, in the ILGWU Auditorium aroused considerable give and take on changes the war will bring in the world. The next panel meets Saturday, February 6.

Our Saturday Visits to Points of Interest

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Morris Levitch (Local 115)

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Dear Bill: High Finance—Army Style

Dear Sir: Good to hear from you again. I'm happy to let you know that I'm still working and enjoying the pace. I'm afraid I can't do much for you now, but I'll keep you posted if anything changes. I'm looking forward to hearing from you again soon.

Yours sincerely,

Michael Peters

Dear Mr. President: I've heard that you're going to make a speech tonight. I hope it's as good as I've heard it's going to be. I'm a big fan of yours and I think you're doing a great job.

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The spring season, now well under way, promises to be the best in the women's garment trades in years. It is breaking many records. More during the past month than in any month in the past. This is due to the improved sales in the showrooms and has purchased merchandise with a lavish hand. The increased buying has made a policy of discounting. It has also given the manufacturers and their buyers lavish policy has been discarded. In every instance where the manufacturer's market. Factors Behind Upward Trend

There is no doubt that four of the most important factors behind the upward trend of the past few months will continue to have a major influence on the market. These include better weather, improved workmanship, increased consumer buying power, and a general increase in the standard of living.

Weather

The weather has been generally favorable for outdoor activities, which has increased consumer spending. The warm weather has also allowed for increased outdoor activities, which has led to increased sales of patio furniture and outdoor apparel.

Improved Workmanship

The industry has made significant improvements in the quality of its products, which has led to increased consumer confidence in the products being offered. This has led to increased sales and improved profits for the companies involved.

Increased Buying Power

Consumer buying power has increased significantly in recent months, which has led to increased sales and improved profits for the companies involved. This has been due to a combination of factors, including increased wages, lower interest rates, and increased government spending.

General Increase in the Standard of Living

The general increase in the standard of living has also contributed to increased consumer spending. As people have more disposable income, they are able to purchase more luxury items, which has led to increased sales for the companies involved.

Attention, Members

LOCAL 10

REGULAR MEETING

will take place at

March 29, 1943

Ripley Theater

Meeting will be held at 8:00 P.M.

A group of workers in the ILGWU Health Brigade, led by: (Left to right) Zilla Rosen, Local 91; Ethel Grunert, Local 10; Florence Spinnell, Local 98; Rose Perlil, Local 89; Julia Yelis, Local 25.

Chinese relief and other worthy organizations will be made known. The meeting will be a social event, and all members are invited.

Send-off Party for Eddie Geller Given By Undie Workers

Local 68's popular educational director, Edward Geller, became a member of the Army of the United States on January 18. A send-off party was given him by the staff of the union, and many contributions and gifts were presented to him as a token of appreciation. The party was held in the labor rooms of the union, and many of the members were in attendance.

New Cost

By the way, you will soon be realizing that the labor shortage will have a bigger impact on the cost of living. In fact, the cost of living will be rising even more sharply than the increase in wages. This is because the labor shortage is causing wages to rise faster than the cost of materials.

The labor shortage is also causing the cost of materials to rise. This is because companies are paying higher wages to attract workers, which raises the cost of doing business.

Conclusion

In conclusion, the labor shortage is having a significant impact on the cost of living. This impact will be felt in the form of higher prices for goods and services, which will in turn lead to increased costs for businesses. As a result, the cost of living will continue to rise, and the labor shortage will play a significant role in this increase.

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Edward Geller (left), educational director, Local 68, undergarment, who has been in the union for 30 years, has been a threat inside the industry. His death was a shock to the union, and the union is now struggling to replace him. Undie dealer Eddie was the guest of honor at a local party, January 27.
...EDITORIAL NOTES...

"Give of the Very Last"  

The ILGWU is going in again for big relief action. The call issued by the union's General Executive Board for a drive to raise a War Relief Fund for 1943 has already found response in some of the largest sectors of the organization, notably in the dyed in the wool shop unions. Before February gets well under way, other markets, it is expected, will fall in line.

This tremendous job will be carried out in time-honored, ILGWU fashion. There will be no delay, no slacking, no procrastination. While no uniform date has been set for the day's wages and discretion was given to local unions and joint boards to select the workdays best suited for their branch of the industry in their respective markets, the task has to be completed during this current Spring season, and the drive will go on through the Summer, in March.

The GEB likewise has made it clear to our affiliates that this War Relief Fund is to cover all demands and relief calls that will be made on the ILGWU for two years ahead. In other words, just as the War Victimes Fund raised in 1941 carried us through over two years, the fund raised this Spring should meet our obligations for a similar period.

Equally sound is the provision made by the GEB which allows twenty-five per cent of the monies collected by the New York affiliates and fifty per cent collected by the other unions in New York to be retained by them to meet the demands for local relief needs and community campaigns.

Unquestionably, our unions cannot satisfy local obligations alone and community pressures by mere references to the general relief campaign which is being directed by the national headquarters of the union. On the other hand, the GEB realizes that the local unions in the various localities know best the situation in their communities and they are entitled to a share of the money raised in their own cities in support of local chest drives.

Those who have read the call of the GEB, we believe, need not further be convinced of the urgency of the big relief move initiated by our union. We can do no better than quote from that appeal:

"Today, we live in a world consumed by agony and madness. At stake in this great struggle are our freedom, our future security, our very lives. This is no time for figuring out how much we can give, or at what rate we may forsake. This is the time, in the history of our beloved America when we must give to the utmost, give until it hurts, give of the very last. The money raised by this War Relief Fund will be in the hands of our community localities at the earliest possible moment.

This hunger for knowledge did not abate with the growth of the union, with its assumption of a seat of power in the councils of the industry after the series of convincing strikes of the 1909-1913 period. If anything, the new economic vistas opened up by the union's advent and its vastly improved finances injected that eagerness for learning which then became most attractive.

The formation of an educational department in 1917 by the International Union converted this desire for cultural and educational attainment into a part of the union's regular activities. It held educational courses on its banner as a credo of the "new unionism" which was chalking up other high marks of achievement in industrial relationships and shop economics.

Labor education has remained a part of the union's everyday business ever since. This, perhaps better than anything else, sums up "its meaning within the union's movement. It holds those who have watched its growth and expansion, this important work on cultural attainment may have meant ornament and glamour, but to our own people it has meant solid union routine, solidified into the day-by-day union life as firmly as any of the economic gains and values wrested from the industry.

It has meant not merely classes, lectures, concerts, group discussions; not only pagnotas, parades and demonstrations; not only theatricals, organized health care and summer vacation resorts; not only summer schools, credit unions and Labor Fellowships and Harvard boxes — not only the scholastic and multi-colored activity woven into a general pattern which blankets the union from one end of the country to the other.

It means, literally, that the moment a local union is established anywhere by the ILGWU it is immediately followed by the formation of an educational committee within that new local, no matter how small the new unit may be. How far it is removed from the big centers of population, Wisconsin town, in a big Missouri city, in Eastern metropolitan or in a West Coast harbor city, an ILGWU local takes steps to set up a cultural center as well as an economic pillow, a place away from the workshop complaints are heard and adjusted as well as a residing room; a classroom, a dance floor and a lecture platform.

What is equally valuable is the suction power which this cultural work of the ILGWU has exercised in drawing our locals into the lives and interests of their communities. No one is more conscious of this than the leaders being regarded as a patchwork upon the living mosaic of the places where our members work and reside. Our locals today "belong" to the town, they add color and zest to its existence, and by increasing the consumer potential of our members they add to the sum total of the community's economic betterment.

All of this may not be news to many of our readers. In the past ten years, since the ILGWU has begun its great upward march, we have been taking these attributes of their union for granted. Winter cold and autumn chills are not easily remembered up sunny afternoons in August.

But to those whose memory runs back to meager beginnings, to those whose knowledge is that of a young, struggling union ensnared in what seemed insurmountable difficulties, this sum total of "education" — which in 1917 had been an embryonic seed that now is picking up its own first harvest of riches and dignity, and that is tending to brighten and enrich the life of the ILGWU is a measure that ought to be cherished, and observed at all costs.

It is a pity that the all-transcending demands of the greater struggle in which free men and women are engaged today for the freedom of all men and all women, have cloaked it to us. It is a pity that for this anniversary occasion we are not able to present it on an even grander scale. In the meantime, let us redouble our effort — wholehearted, wholehearted. Let us not lamenter, even without self-praise — to bring nearer the day of victory.

"Balance"